20/ Environment

Words you need... 20.1

- **a chemical** a substance used in chemistry
- **the climate** the weather conditions in an area or in the world
- **energy** power that comes from fuel such as electricity or gas
- **the environment** the air, land, water and plants of the world
- **a flood** a large amount of water that covers an area that should be dry
- **fuel** a substance that we burn to provide energy or heat
- **pollution** harmful substances that cause damage to the environment
- **the population** the number of people in a country or area
- **to recycle (something)** to take used materials such as glass and paper and change them so that they can be used again
- **a scientist** someone who studies science
- **transport** (UK)/**transportation** (US) the system of vehicles that gets people or goods from one place to another

Uncountable nouns 20.2

These names for types of fuel are all uncountable nouns. This means that you do not put **a** or **an** in front of them, and you cannot make them plural by adding **s**. To talk about amounts, you can put **some**, **any**, **much** and **a lot of** in front of them.

- **coal** a black substance that we dig from the ground and use\ as fuel
- **electricity** a form of energy that we use for things like lights, TVs or heating
- **gas** a substance like air that we use as fuel
- **oil** a thick liquid that comes from under the ground and we use as fuel

Energy, **fuel**, **pollution** and **transport** are also uncountable nouns.

Exercise 1

Use the words from the box to complete the sentences.

fuel environment coal chemicals
oil flood recycle ~~transport~~

1 The train is my favourite method of *transport* .
2 Air travel is bad for the _____ .
3 It is important to store dangerous _____ safely.
4 Large vehicles use a lot of _____ .
5 _____ is often found under the sea.
6 In a _____ , houses are often spoiled.
7 We always _____ our bottles and boxes.
8 Workers dig _____ from under the ground.

Pronunciation 20.3

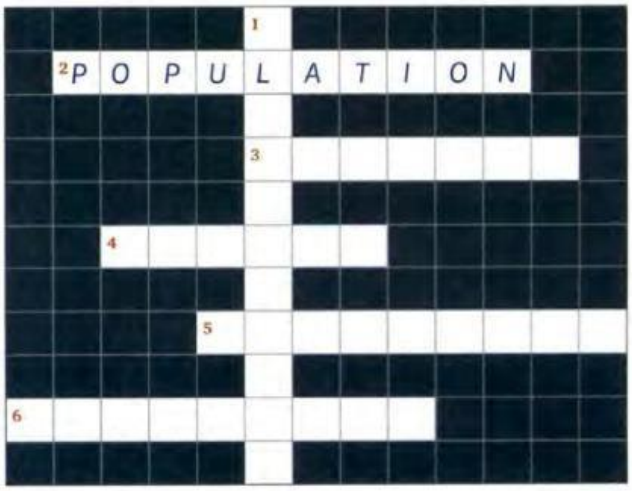
Exercise 2

Underline the stressed syllable in each word. Listen and check.

1 electricity
2 environment
3 scientist
4 transport
5 chemical
6 pollution

Exercise 3

Complete the crossword.



Down

1 We use this to make our computers and TVs work.

Across

2 If this keeps growing, we must produce more food.
3 Human activities are changing this.
4 We can get this from sun and wind as well as fuel.
5 A person with this job is trying to find out facts about how our environment is changing.
6 When fuel is burned, this is produced.

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